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Please add my voice and concern to the growing list of livestock industry representatives and animal protection groups in urging you to support Docket No. 98P-0151/CP1. This would classify downed animals as adulterated and subsequently afford owners no incentive to prolong their pain. And while suffering is a major concern, there is also a serious consumer health issue given that many downed animals are diseased or in some way contaminated. Hopefully, this petition would cause owners to not bring diseased or injured animals to the slaughter house and either dispose of them humanely on the farm or take care of them better so they didn't get diseased in the first place.

Respectfully,



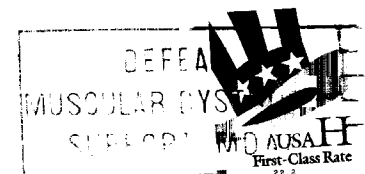
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